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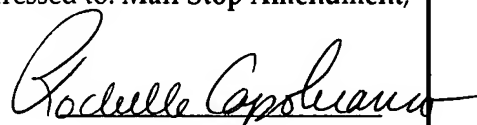
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PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.142

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of *October 6, 2006*, please reconsider the application in light of the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on *page 2* of this paper.

Remarks begin on *page 12* of this paper.

An *Appendix* including a copy of an article entitled, "Thymulin and the neuroendocrine system," *Peptides*, 25:139-142, 2004, is attached following *page 15* of this paper..